# Louisiana Board of Veterinary Medicine Department of Health and Hospitals State of Louisiana

Agreed-Upon Procedures

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# Independent Accountants' Report On Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures

To the Board Members of the Louisiana Board of Veterinary Medicine Baton Rouge, Louisiana

We have performed the procedures enumerated below as they are a required part of the engagement. We are required to perform each procedure and report the results, including any exceptions. Management is required to provide a corrective action plan that addresses all exceptions noted. For any procedures that do not apply, we have marked "not applicable."

Management of the Louisiana Board of Veterinary Medicine is responsible for its financial records, establishing internal controls over financial reporting, and compliance with applicable laws and regulations. These procedures were agreed to by management of the Louisiana Board of Veterinary Medicine and the Legislative Auditor, State of Louisiana, solely to assist the users in assessing certain controls and in evaluating management's assertions about the Louisiana Board of Veterinary Medicine compliance with certain laws and regulations during the year ended June 30, 2014.

This agreed-upon procedures engagement was performed in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and applicable standards of Government Auditing Standards. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of the specified users of this report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

The procedures performed and results are enumerated below:

# General

1. Determine if there are adequate written policies and procedures for the primary financial/business functions of the entity (budgeting, receipts, purchasing, disbursements, payroll/personnel, contracting, travel, related parties, and ethics).

## Results

2. Using the financial statements or AFR, perform analytical procedures comparing current and prior year financial statements, by line item. Identify and obtain explanations for variances of 10% or greater for line items that are 10% or more of the respective total assets, liabilities, equity, revenues, or expenses.

#### Results

No exceptions noted.

## Cash

1. Prepare a proof of cash for the period covered by the financial statements.

#### Results

No exceptions noted.

2. Determine if cash collection responsibilities are adequately segregated to ensure that the person responsible for cash collections is not responsible for posting accounts receivable or making deposits.

#### Results

No exceptions noted.

3. Determine if bank reconciliations have been prepared for all months in the period covered by the financial statements. Determine if there is evidence of management review of the bank reconciliations. Determine if the reconciled balance for the final month of the fiscal year agrees to the general ledger.

### Results

Results of procedures indicate the June 30, 2014 bank reconciliation does not agree to the general ledger, as adjusted by the contracted CPA. See exception 2014-1 detailed in the Schedule of Exceptions and Responses attached to this report.

# **Credit Cards**

1. Obtain from management a listing of all active credit cards (and bank debit cards if applicable) for the period under examination, including the card numbers and the names of the persons who maintained possession of the cards.

#### Results

- 2. Obtain the monthly statements for all credit/debit cards used during the period under examination and select for detailed review the largest (dollar amount) statement for the two cards with the most (dollar amount) activity:
  - A. Obtain the entity's supporting documentation for the largest purchase/charge shown on each selected monthly statement:

- Determine if each purchase is supported by:
  - o An original itemized receipt (i.e., identifies precisely what was purchased)
  - O Documentation of the business/public purpose (Note: For meal charges, there should also be documentation of the individuals participating)
  - Other documentation as may be required by policy (e.g., purchase order, authorization, etc.)
- Determine if selected purchases effectively circumvented the entity's normal
  procurement/purchasing process and/or the Louisiana Public Bid Law (i.e., large or recurring
  purchases requiring the solicitation of bids or quotes).
- B. Determine if there is evidence of management review of the two selected statements.

#### Results

No exceptions noted.

# Travel and Expense Reimbursement

- 1. Obtain a listing of all travel and related expense reimbursements during the period under examination and trace to the general ledger for completeness. Select for review the three persons who were reimbursed the most money:
  - A. Obtain all of the expense reimbursement reports of each selected person, including the supporting documentation, and choose the largest expense report from each person to review in detail:
    - Determine if each expenditure is:
      - o Reimbursed in accordance with written policy (e.g., rates established for meals, mileage, lodging, etc.) and applicable laws.
      - o For an appropriate and necessary business purpose relative to the travel
    - Determine if each expenditure is supported by:
      - An original itemized receipt (i.e., identifies precisely what was purchased)
         [Note: An expense that is reimbursed based on an established per diem amount (e.g., meals) generally does not require a receipt.]
      - O Documentation of the business/public purpose (Note: For meal charges, there should also be documentation of the individuals participating)
      - Other documentation as may be required by policy (e.g., authorization for travel, conference brochure, certificate of attendance, etc.)
    - Determine if each expense report (including documentation) was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.

#### Results

## Contracts

1. Review accounting records (e.g., general ledgers, accounts payable reports, etc.) for the period under examination to identify individuals/businesses being paid for contracted services (e.g., professional, technical, etc.). Select the five "vendors" that were paid the most money during the period and determine if there is a formal/written contract that supports the services arrangement.

#### Results:

No exceptions noted.

- 2. Obtain a listing of all active contracts and the expenditures made during the period under examination and trace to the general ledger for completeness. Select for detailed review, the largest (dollar amount) contract in each of the following categories that was entered into during the period.
  - (1) Services
  - (2) Materials and supplies
  - (3) Public works
  - A. Obtain the selected contracts and the related paid invoices and:
    - Determine if the contract is a related party transaction by obtaining management's representation.
    - Determine if the transaction is subject to the Louisiana Public Bid Law or Procurement Code:
      - o If yes, determine if the entity complied with all requirements (e.g., solicited quotes or bids, advertisement, selected lowest bidder, etc.)
      - o If no, determine if the entity provided an open and competitive atmosphere (a good business practice) for the transaction/work.
    - Determine if the contract was amended. If so, determine whether the original contract contemplated or provided for such an amendment. Furthermore, determine if the amendment is outside the scope of the original contract, and if so, whether it should have been separately bid and contracted.
    - Select the largest payment from each of the 3 largest contracts selected above and determine
      if the invoice(s) received and payment complied with the terms and conditions of the
      contract.
    - Determine if there is documentation of board approval, if required.

### Results

# **Payroll and Personnel**

- 1. Obtain a listing of employment contracts/salaries in force during the period under examination and trace to the general ledger for completeness. Select the five highest paid employees and:
  - Determine if payments issued during the period under examination were done in strict accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract or pay rate structure.
  - Determine if changes made to hourly pay rates/salaries during the period under examination were approved in writing and in accordance with policy.

#### Results

No exceptions noted.

- 2. Select the attendance and leave records for one pay period in which leave has been taken by at least one employee and:
  - Determine if all employees are documenting their daily attendance and leave (e.g., vacation, sick, etc.). (Note: Generally, an elected official is not eligible to earn leave and does not document his/her attendance and leave. However, if the elected official is earning leave according to policy and/or contract, the official should document his/her daily attendance and leave.)
  - Determine if supervisors are approving, in writing, the attendance and leave of all employees.
  - Determine if the entity is maintaining accurate written leave records (e.g., hours earned, hours used, and balance available) on all eligible employees.

# Results

No exceptions noted.

3. Select the two largest termination payments (e.g., vacation, sick, compensatory time, etc.) made during the period under examination. Determine if the payments were supported by adequate documentation, made in strict accordance with policy and/or contract, and properly approved.

#### Results

# **Budget**

1. Obtain a copy of the legally adopted budget and all amendments.

#### Results

No exceptions noted.

2. Trace the budget adoption and amendments to the minute book.

#### Results

No exceptions noted.

3. Compare the total revenues and total expenditures of the final budget to actual total revenues and total expenditures on the financial statements or AFR. Report variances of 10% or greater.

## Results

No exceptions noted.

# **Debt Service**

1. If debt was issued during the financial statement period, verify that State Bond Commission approval was obtained, as applicable.

# Results

Not Applicable - the Board did not issue any debt during the period under examination.

2. Determine compliance with applicable debt covenants.

#### Results

Not Applicable – the Board did not have any debt outstanding during the period under examination.

# **Corrective Action**

1. Obtain management's response and corrective action plan for any exceptions noted in the above agreed-upon procedures.

#### Results

Management of the Board has provided applicable responses and corrective action plans for the above noted exception 2014-1 as detailed in the Schedule of Exceptions and Responses attached to this report.

We were not engaged to perform, and did not perform, an audit, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on management's assertions. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the use of management of Louisiana Board of Veterinary Medicine and the Legislative Auditor, State of Louisiana, and should not be used by those who have not agreed to the procedures and taken responsibility for the sufficiency of the procedures for their purposes. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

Pinell & Martinez, LLP

August 15, 2014

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# 2014-1 Bank Reconciliation

# Exception

The June 30, 2014 bank reconciliation prepared by management of the Board does not agree to the general ledger or financial statements as adjusted by the contracted CPA.

#### Recommendation

The Board's management should request and be provided with any general ledger adjustments that the Board's contracted CPA enters into his working copy of the Board's financial accounting records and ensure their records agree on a month to month basis.

# Management's Response and Corrective Action Plan

The Board's management agrees to the recommendations of the Auditor. The Board's management has since contracted with a different CPA whom management believes will be more attentive to the accounting needs of the Board.

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